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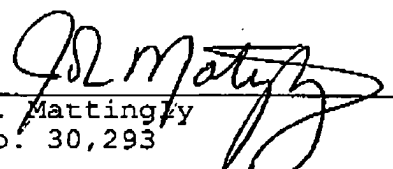
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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.